To the Judiciary Committee HB 4167

A reading of this bill suggests that shooting a firearm from a vehicle should be treated differently from shooting while simply walking past a building. Are the penalties less if the criminal is walking?

Also, is there evidence that increasing the penalty for a crime serves to inhibit people from committing that crime? Gun control laws are classic examples of the futility of saying to a criminal that it is illegal to violate some law -- he already knows that and doesn't care.

This may well be a bill that we don't need because it serves no useful purpose.

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